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Serial No. 10/627,105

Examiner: H. Tran

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Customer No. 23523

For: RUGGEDIZED FIBER OPTIC SOUND VELOCITY PROFILER

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT BASED  
ON EVIDENCE THAT A REPLY WAS TIMELY FILED

Mail Stop Petition  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed 21 March 2008 in regard to the above-identified patent application, Applicant respectfully petitions for withdrawal of the holding of abandonment. The Notice of Abandonment was based on failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 12 July 2007. Applicant responded to the Office Action via facsimile on 11 October 2007, (Exhibit 1). Applicant office received the Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission from the USPTO on 11 October 2007 at 1:27:53pm (Exhibit 2).

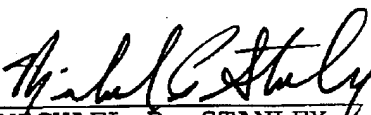
In view of the facts presented above and the evidence presented herein, Applicant respectfully petitions for withdrawal of this holding of abandonment and that prosecution of the above-identified patent application be allowed to proceed.

Application Serial No. 11/627,105  
In reply to Notice of Abandonment of 21 March 2008

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Respectfully submitted,  
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14 April 2008

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Encl:

Exhibit 1, Response to Office Action

Exhibit 2, Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission